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Answer —

Your memo mentions a figure of \$2400 as the stipend available to a medical student on fellowships? Is this present practice or a level you are trying to bring about? Isn't this very much more than the present level of advertised med. stu. fellowships e.g. via NIH school grants?

John.

Josh:

It is present practice, the actual level adopted by Exec Com last year-- i.e. on the basis of \$300 per mo. full time. Since they actually work half-time for 19 months and full time for ~~xxxx~~ 2-3 mo., you get around \$2100. My statement in the ma. was "more than \$2000". I think the \$300 full time basis is pitifully low, and less than we pay our beginning technicians. However it is about at the level of the USPHS summer fellowships (\$600 for 10 summer weeks).

Re your comments about degrees, any dept that gives a PhD can perfectly well have a combined degree program if it wants to. Provided there is no cutting

of corners on standards, I dont think it is really an all-school matter. It would be good, however, to have a general PhD ~~in~~ training in medical sciences, and here an all-school plan is obviously a good idea -- I had in mind perhaps something along the Harvard line.

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